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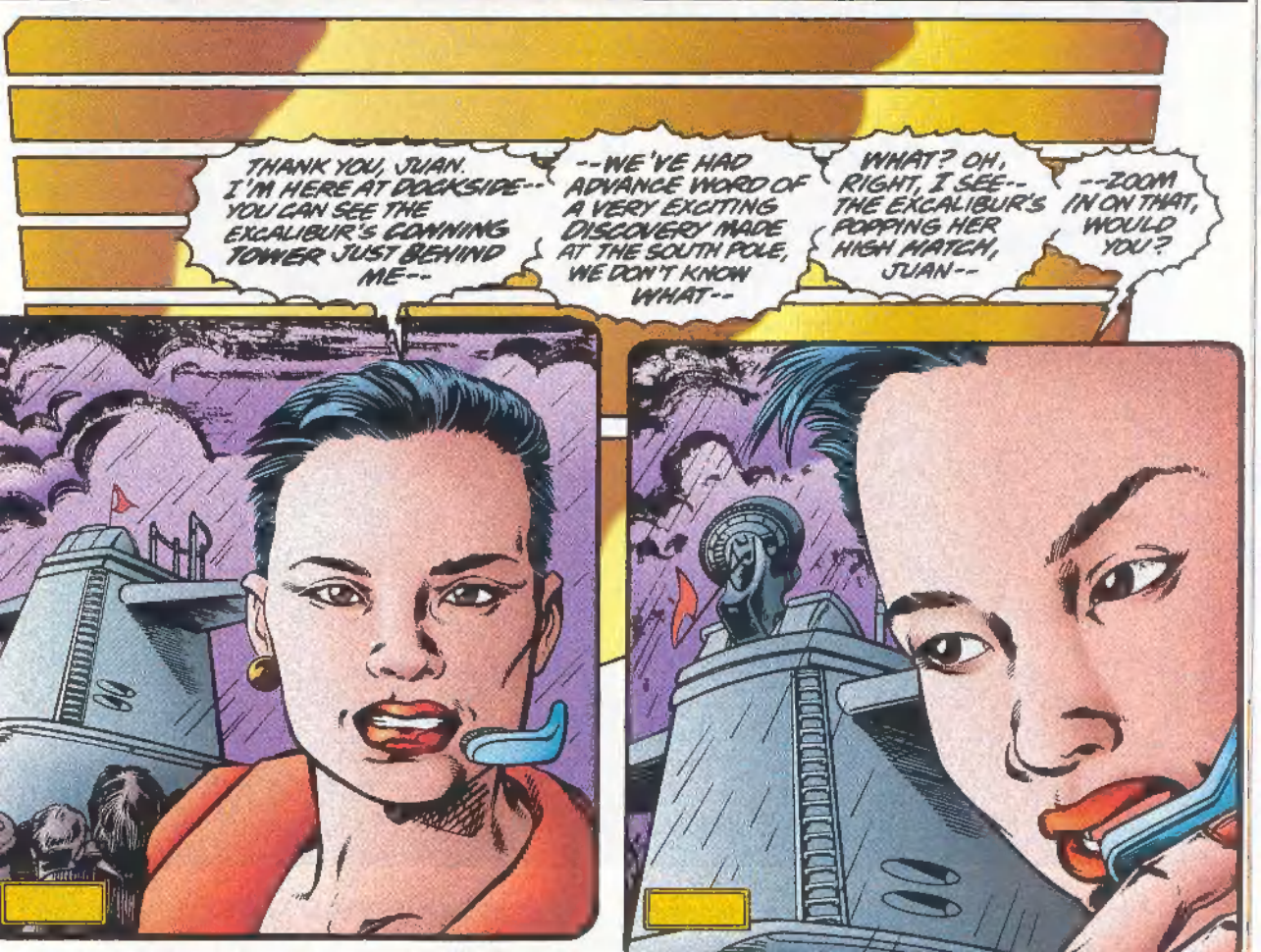
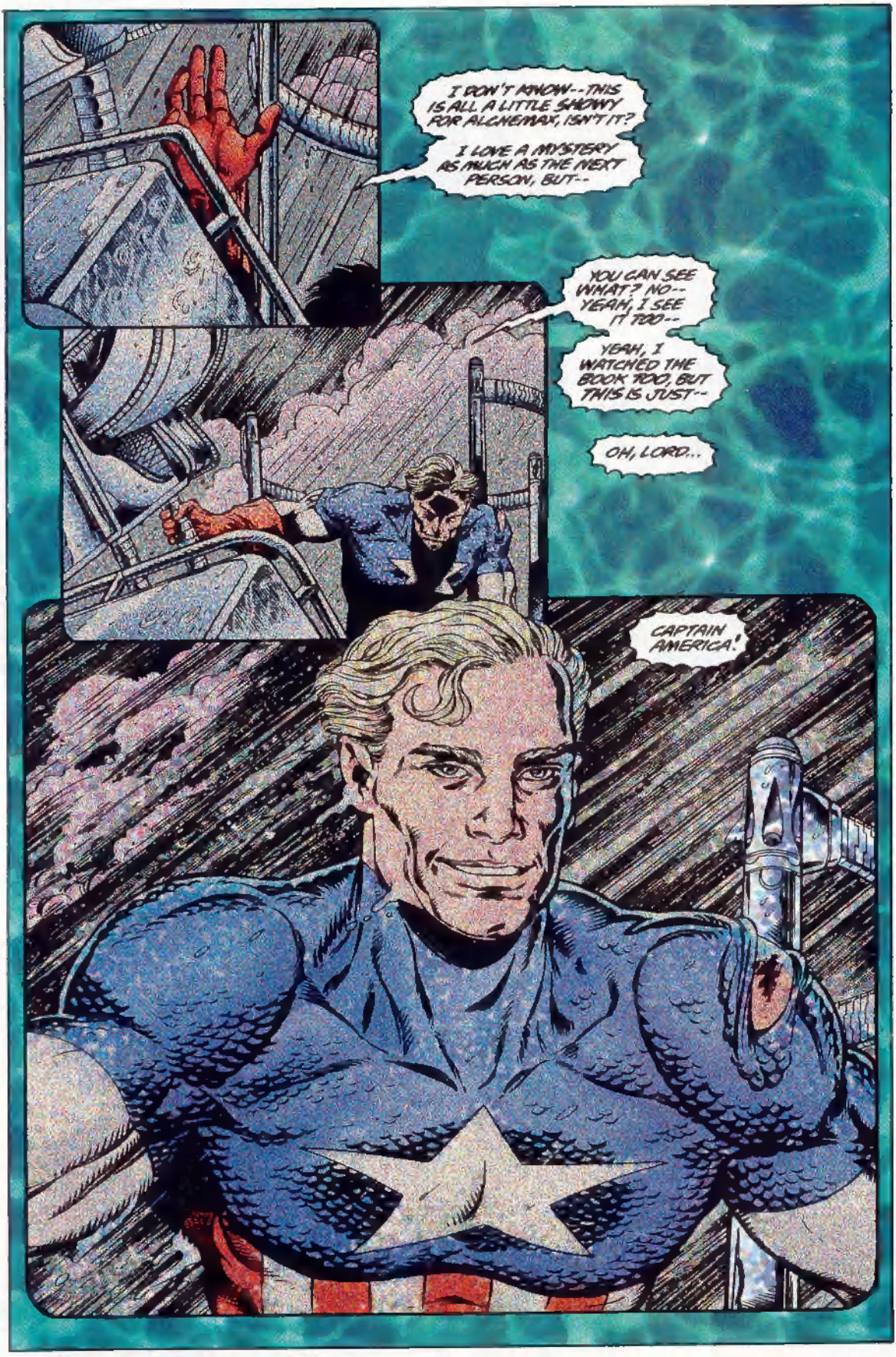
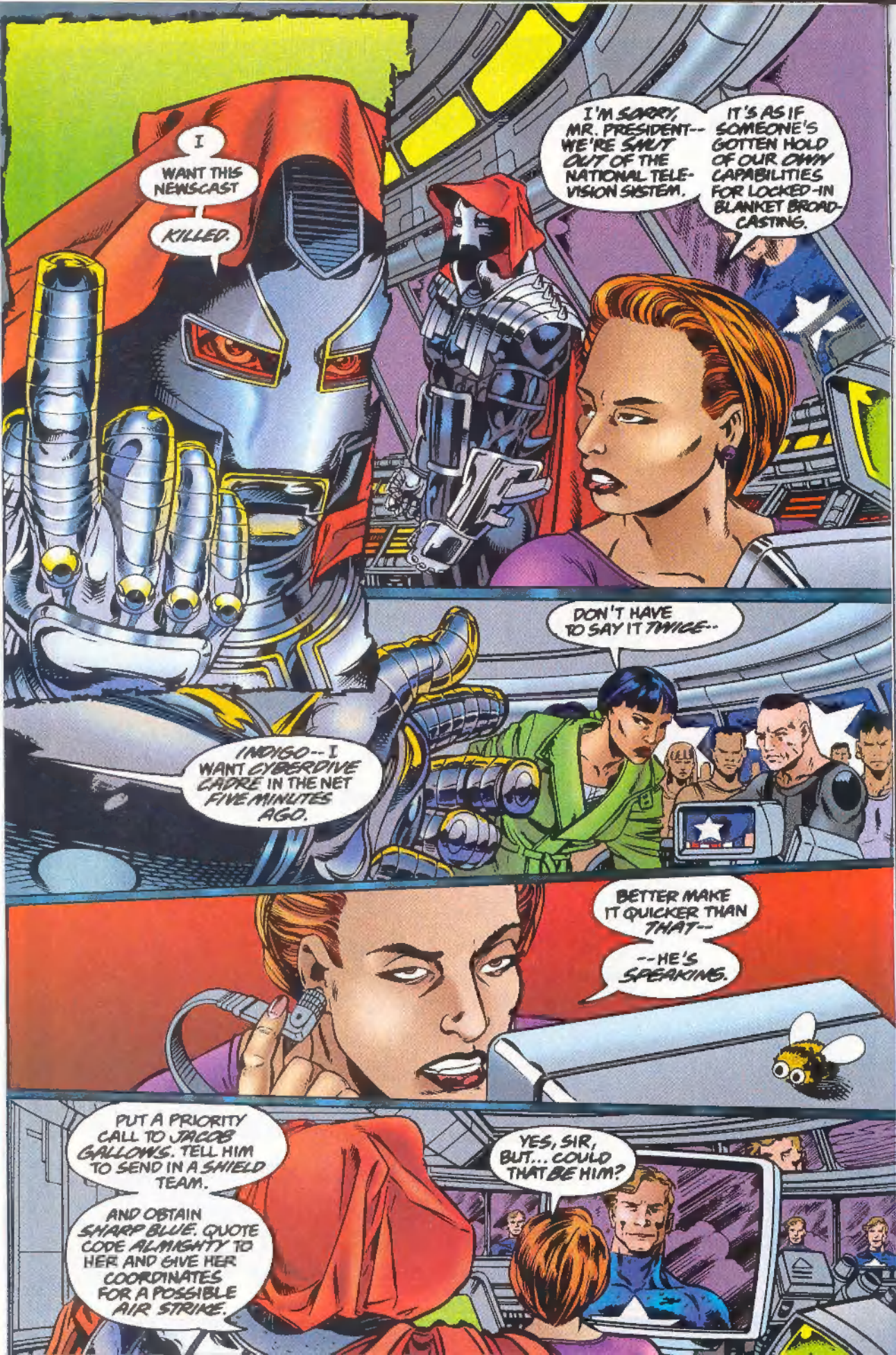
COMMUNICATIONS SUITE, LIBERA CIELO:
AN EARTH-QUAKE IN CALI-FORNIA. AMERICA'S NIGHTMARE. IS THIS THE BIG ONE, INDIGO?
I DON'T KNOW! I'VE ONLY GOT SATELLITE SIGNAL AVAILABLE, EVERY LINE INTO CALI'S DOWN, THERE'S TALK OF A GAMMA EXPLOSION...
AND WILL SOMEONE KILL THIS SHOCKIN' HOLOGRAM?
THANK YOU.
I WANT RESCUE TEAMS TO MOVE INTO CALIFORNIA IMMEDI-ATELY. THE RESTITUTION FUND WILL BEAR THE COST.
I'M ON IT--WHAT ABOUT NEWS COVERAGE? DO WE SHUT IT DOWN, OR--

--HUH?
SOME KIND OF NEWS ITEM, BEEN GIVEN BLANKET COVERAGE--
--CAN SOMEONE GET THIS UP ON A BIG SCREEN? WE'VE GOT AN ALL-CHANNELS NEWSCAST HERE.
AND IT'S NOT FROM CALIFORNIA.
--NEW YORK HARBOR WHERE THE ALCHEMAX R&D DEEP SEA VEHICLE, EXCALIBUR IS PUTTING IN, FRESH FROM ANTARCTICA, WITH A MYSTERY CARGO.
KISARO?


THANK YOU, JUAN. I'M HERE AT DOCKSIDE-- YOU CAN SEE THE EXCALIBUR'S GLOWING TOWER JUST BEHIND ME--
--WE'VE HAD ADVANCE WORD OF A VERY EXCITING DISCOVERY MADE AT THE SOUTH POLE, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT--
WHAT? OH, RIGHT, I SEE-- THE EXCALIBUR'S POPPING HER HIGH HATCH, JUAN--
--ZOOM IN ON THAT, WOULD YOU?


I DON'T KNOW--THIS IS ALL A LITTLE SHOWY FOR ALCHEMAX, ISN'T IT?
I LOVE A MYSTERY AS MUCH AS THE NEXT PERSON, BUT--
YOU CAN SEE WHAT? NO-- YEAH, I SEE IT TOO--
YEAH, I WATCHED THE BOOK TOO, BUT THIS IS JUST--
OH, LORD...
CAPTAIN AMERICA!


I WANT THIS NEWSCAST KILLED.
I'M SORRY, MR. PRESIDENT-- WE'RE SHUT OUT OF THE NATIONAL TELE-VISION SYSTEM.
IT'S AS IF SOMEONE'S GOTTEN HOLD OF OUR OWN CAPABILITIES FOR LOCKED-IN BLANKET BROAD-CASTING.
DON'T HAVE TO SAY IT TWICE--
INDIGO-- I WANT CYBERDIVE CADRE IN THE NET FIVE MINUTES AGO.
BETTER MAKE IT QUICKER THAN THAT--
--HE'S SPEAKING.
PUT A PRIORITY CALL TO JACOB GALLOWS. TELL HIM TO SEND IN A SHIELD TEAM.
AND OBTAIN SHARP BLUE. QUOTE CODE ALMIGHTY TO HER AND GIVE HER COORDINATES FOR A POSSIBLE AIR STRIKE.
YES, SIR, BUT... COULD THAT BE HIM?

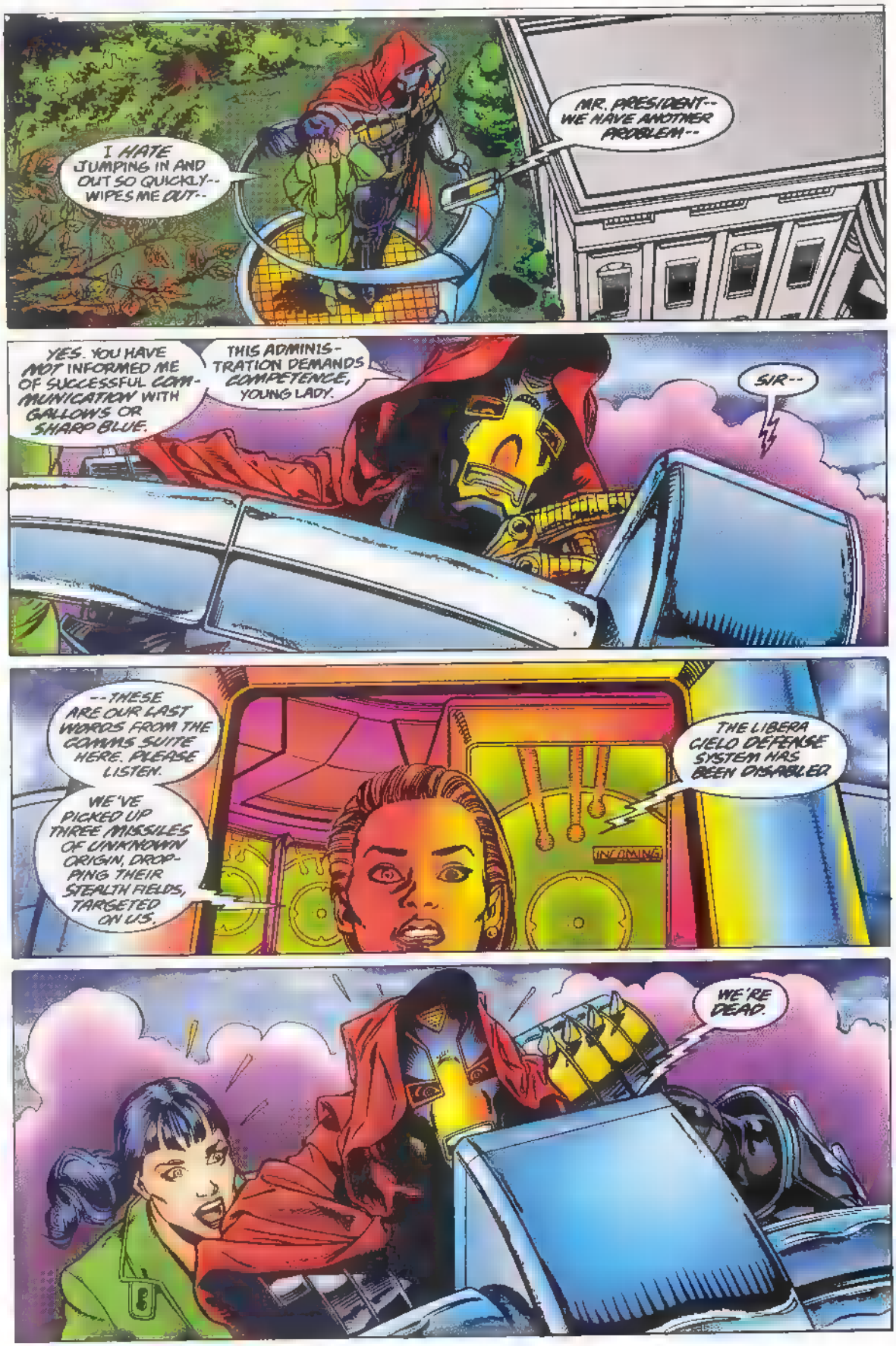
CYBERDIVE CHAMBER, LIBERA CIELO;
MOVE YOUR UNWASHED BACKSIDES!
I WANT FAST CLEARANCES, A CLEAN DIVE TO THE NATIONAL TV NEXUS POINTS--
--AND THEN SERIOUS PROPERTY DAMAGE UNTIL WE STOP THAT BLANKET BROADCAST!
AND WHILE WE'RE OUT, PEOPLE--
--THERE'S SOMETHING CALLED THE CHICAGO ARTS LABS I WANT TO SNIFF AROUND.
JUST PRETEND IT'S THE INVASION ALL OVER AGAIN.
CYBERDIVE CADRE CLEARANCES OK
UNLOCK UNLOCK
DIVE DIVE DIVE

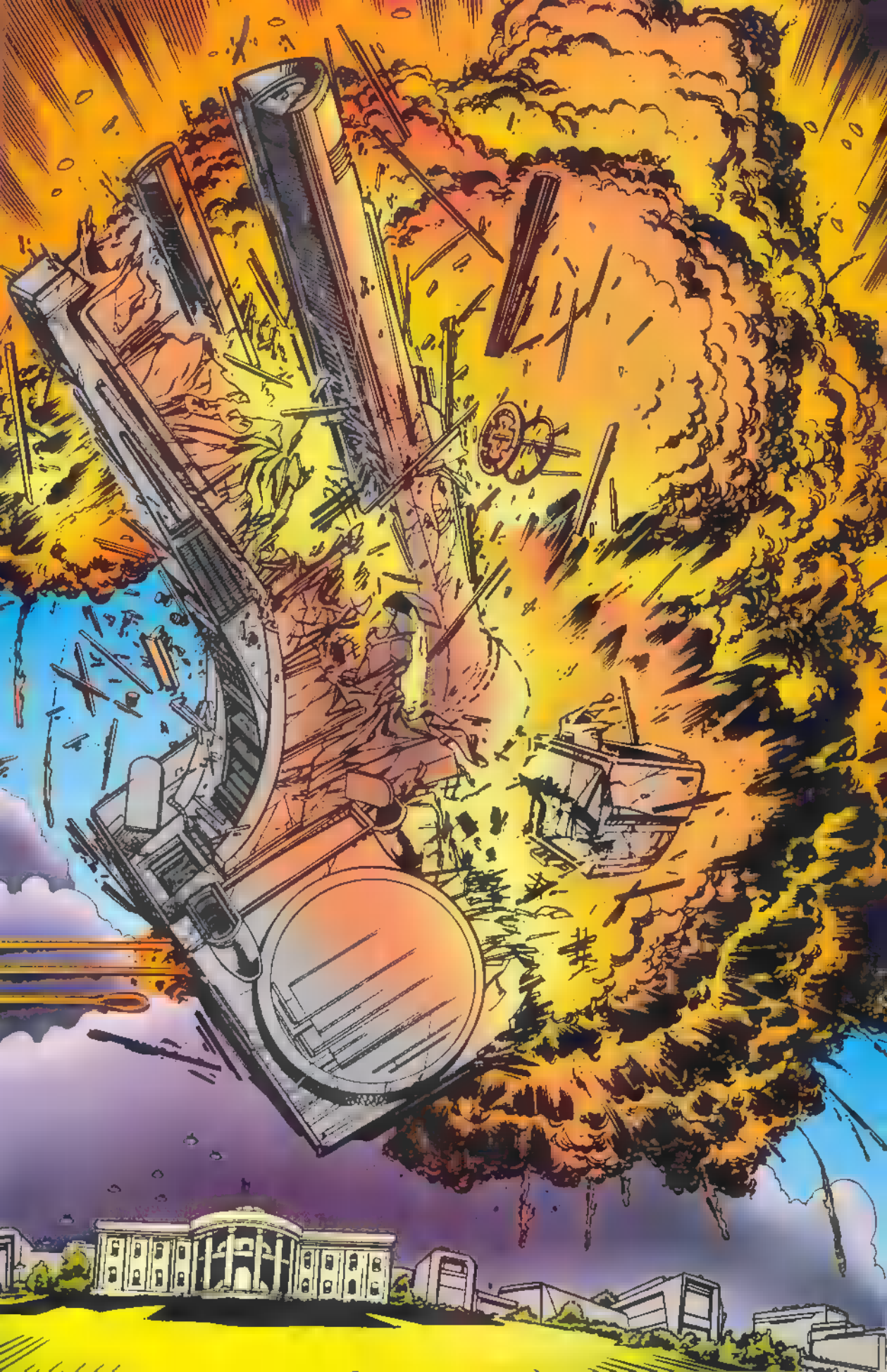
I...
I'M TOLD THAT THIS IS THE YEAR 2099. I DIDN'T REALLY BELIEVE IT UNTIL I SAW THE NEW YORK SKY-LINE.
THE EXPLORERS FROM THE ALCHEMAX CORPORATION WHO FOUND ME HAVE TOLD ME A LOT.
I WAS FOUND SEALED IN ICE, THEY SAY, DEEP IN ANTARCTICA, CLOSE TO THE SAVAGE LAND.
AGAIN.
YOU KNOW, IT'S ALMOST EMBARR-ASSING
THE LAST THING I RE-MEMBER IS... WELL, IT WAS CLOSE TO THE END OF THINGS...
WE WERE IN BATTLE WITH A MONSTER, COME FROM THE DEPTHS OF EUROPE, THE ENEMY OF OUR GREAT NATION..
THE LAST AVENGERS QUIN-JET WAS HIT BY A BEAM WEAPON-- EXPLODED-- I FELL INTO THE WATER--
--AND DOOM HAD BEATEN US ALL.
THE AMERICAN DREAM WAS OVER.
AND NOW THEY TELL ME HE'S PRESIDENT.

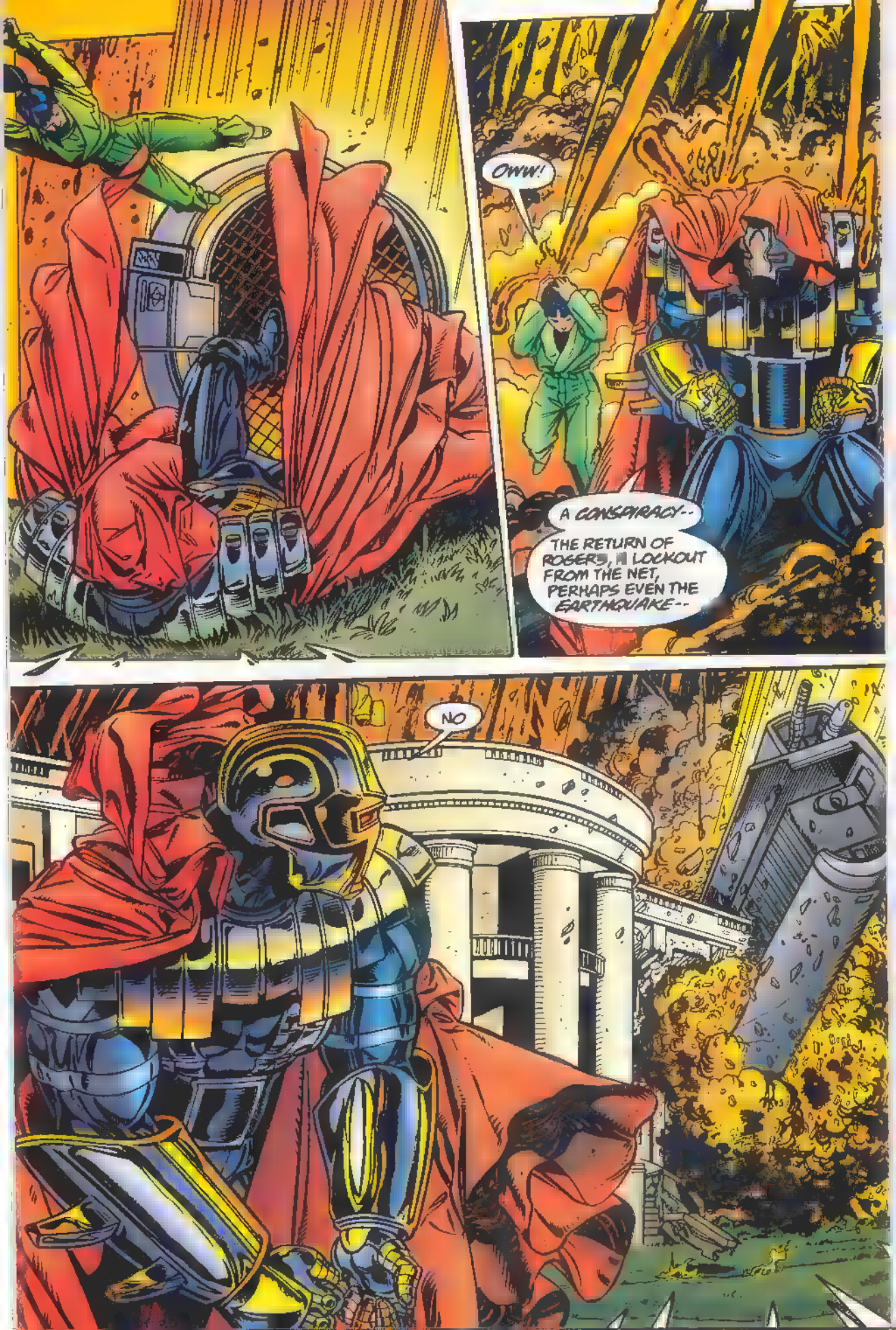
THAT'S A LIE.
THERE WAS NEVER SUCH A BATTLE.
THAT CANNOT BE STEVEN ROGERS.
OUT OF MY WAY--I WILL ATTEND TO THIS--
COMPUTER, GIVE ME AUDIO CYBERINTER FACE-
INDIGO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?
-CRITZ-
YEAH

SOMEONE'S LOCKED US OUT OF THE NET.

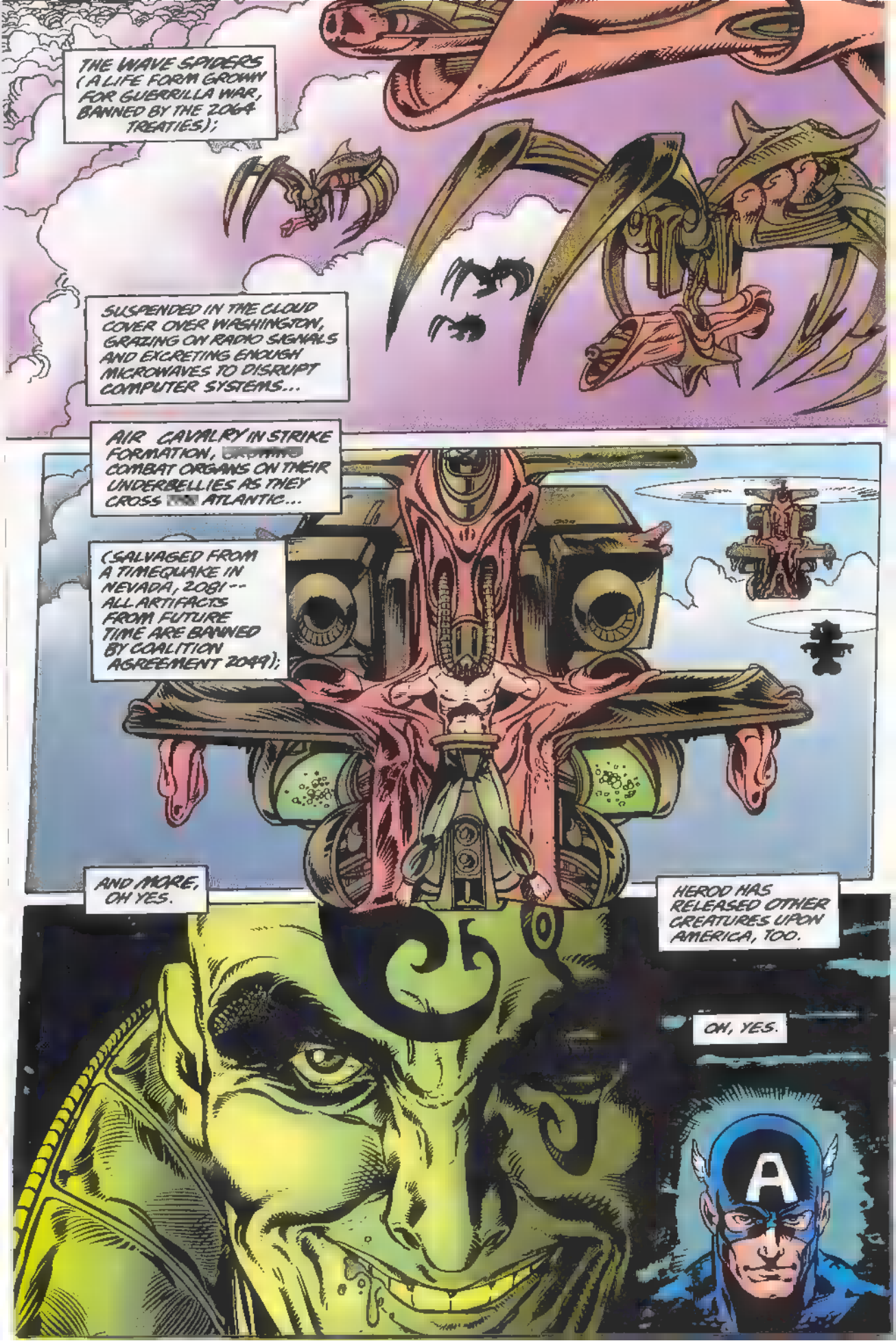
WE'RE STUCK IN LIBERA CIELO OPERATING SYSTEMS. CAT AND RUIZ ARE GOING TO TRY A BYPASS, BUT--
SABOTAGE.
NO, REALLY? I THOUGHT MAYBE I JUST LOST THE KEY.
LEAVE CAT AND RUIZ TO THEIR WORK. THE REST OF YOU LOG OUT AND ACCOMPANY ME DOWN TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
"THERE, I HAVE A SECONDARY DIVE CHAMBER, AND INVIOLABLE LANDLINES THROUGH WHICH YOU SHOULD GAIN ACCESS TO THE NET."


I HATE JUMPING IN AND OUT SO QUICKLY-- WIPES ME OUT--
MR. PRESIDENT-- WE HAVE ANOTHER PROBLEM--
YES. YOU HAVE NOT INFORMED ME OF SUCCESSFUL COMMUNICATION WITH GALLOWS OR SHARP BLUE.
THIS ADMINISTRATION DEMANDS COMPETENCE, YOUNG LADY.
SIR--
--THESE ARE OUR LAST WORDS FROM THE COMMS SUITE HERE. PLEASE LISTEN.
WE'VE PICKED UP THREE MISSILES OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN, DROPPING THEIR STEALTH FIELDS, TARGETED ON U.S.
THE LIBERA CIELO DEFENSE SYSTEM HAS BEEN DISABLED
INCOMING
WE'RE DEAD.




OWW!
A CONSPIRACY--
THE RETURN OF ROGERS, LOCKOUT FROM THE NET, PERHAPS EVEN THE EARTHQUAKE--
NO

THE CHICAGO RESERVE; THE SECRET VAULT WHERE THE TECHNOLOGIES AMERICA WAS DEEMED NOT YET READY FOR ARE SEALED FROM SIGHT.
TODAY, JOHN HEROD, THE MAN CHARGED WITH THEIR IMPRISONMENT, IS USING THOSE TECHNOLOGIES.
THE MEAT HARP WHISPERS OBSCENITIES TO HIM WITH A THOUSAND MOUTHS THE SIZE OF SKIN PORES.
IT'S TERRIBLE MUSIC SPEAKS TO COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, SELECTIVELY PARALYZING THEM.
THIS IS BUT THE FIRST OF THE TWISTED SCIENCES HEROD HAS RELEASED TODAY; [redacted] THE FULL BACKING OF THE [redacted]RATE STRUCTURE DOOM COMES.
SOME OF THEM TASTE EVEN BETTER THAN THIS

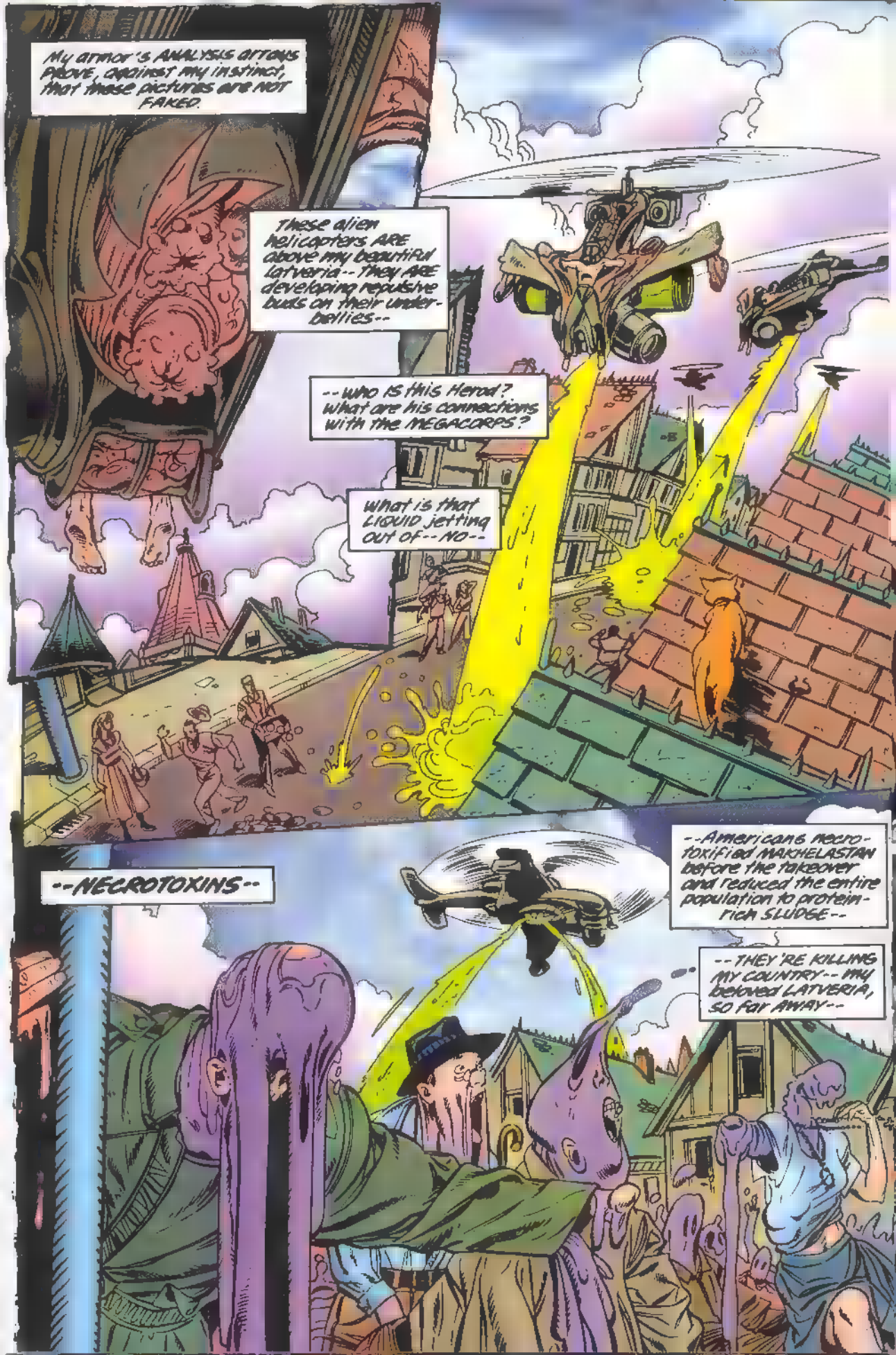

THE WAVE SPIDERS (A LIFE FORM GROWN FOR GUERRILLA WAR, BANNED BY THE 2064 TREATIES);
SUSPENDED IN THE CLOUD COVER OVER WASHINGTON, GRAZING ON RADIO SIGNALS AND EXCRETING ENOUGH MICROWAVES TO DISRUPT COMPUTER SYSTEMS...
AIR CAVALRY IN STRIKE FORMATION, [illegible] COMBAT ORGANS ON THEIR UNDERBELLIES AS THEY CROSS [illegible] ATLANTIC...
(SALVAGED FROM A TIMEQUAKE IN NEVADA, 2081 -- ALL ARTIFACTS FROM FUTURE TIME ARE BANNED BY COALITION AGREEMENT 2049);
AND MORE, OH YES.
HEROD HAS RELEASED OTHER CREATURES UPON AMERICA, TOO.
OH, YES.
A

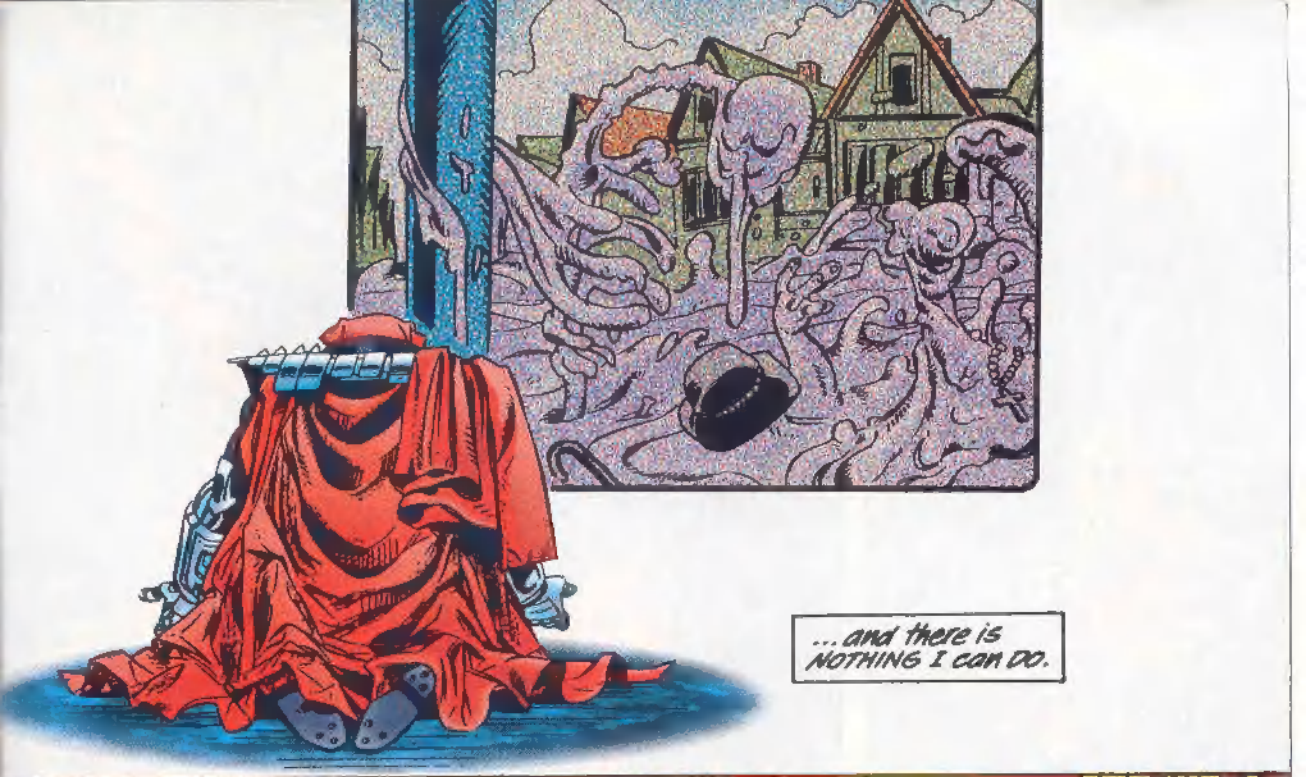
NEW YORK IN THE POURING RAIN:
UNDER THE FACE OF SPIDER-MAN IS MIGUEL O'HARA, AN ALCHEMAX [redacted] WITH THE TOUCH FOR SCIENCE.
TECHNOLOGY AND DEDUCTION. CAUSE AND EFFECT. ALL THAT.
AND HE DOES PLENTY OF READING ON CURRENT ADVANCEMENTS IN HIS FIELD.
HE KNOWS THAT THIS EMP, LIKE THE THOUSANDS OF OTHERS ABOVE AMERICAN CITIES--
--IS CONTROLLED DIRECTLY FROM LIBERA CIELO IN WASHINGTON.
A HARDER RAIN BEGINS TO FALL ON THE MOUNTAINS AND CANYONS OF MANHATTAN...

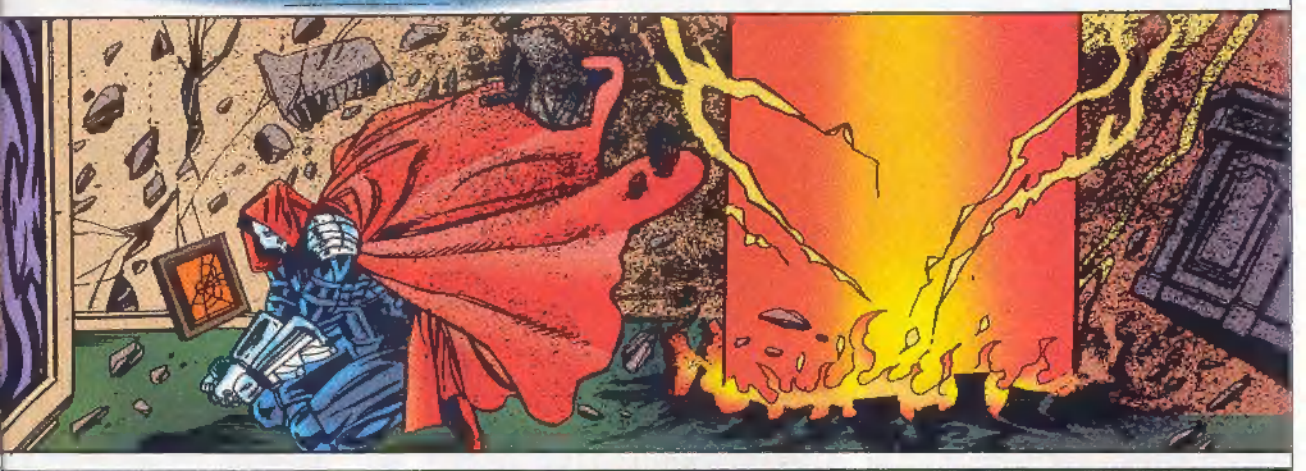
I am Doom.
My world is burning at the edges.
My armor's onboard systems shiver with static -- the NANO-PROCESSORS in my blood struggling to cope with a DISRUPTION FIELD.
The White House's machines, like Libera Cielo's defense system, are coping LESS well.
My STAFF IS STRONGER, For the moment.
But they jabber about LIBERA CIELO, and FIRE, and RADIOACTIVE CLOUDS over CALIFORNIA and compromised PHONE lines and DEATH and TREACHERY...
SILENCE!

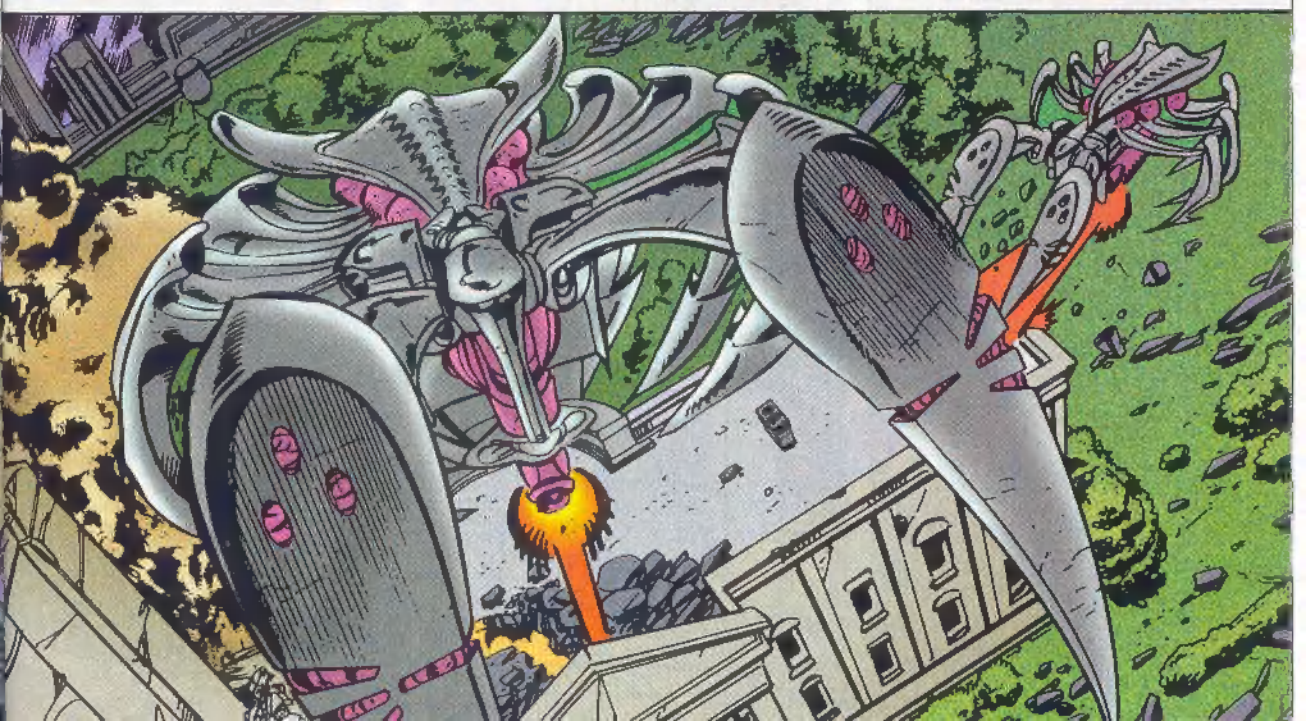
REROUTE ALL WORKING LINES OF COMMUNICATION OF THE OVAL OFFICE.
DEPLOY ALL GUARDS AND ARM YOURSELVES.
AND BE STRONG.
THAT IS ALL.
DOOM! FINALLY!
SHARD BLUE. WHERE ARE YOU?
I'M ON HOLY SPOOK, THE GUILD OF MERC ELITE'S C-IN-C PLANE, EN ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA.
WE WANTED TO CONFIRM THE LEVEL OF GAMMA RADIATION BEFORE THE RESCUE SQUADS GET HERE--
--BUT WE'RE HAVING TO DODGE FALLING EMPS TZZT
GRITZ
TZZT THIS IS A SPECIAL BROADCAST, DOOM, DIRECT FROM ME TO YOU.
MY NAME IS JOHN HEROD.

YOU ARE CURRENTLY PAYING FOR THE SINGLE MISTAKE COMMITTED DURING YOUR PRESIDENCY.
YOU DID NOT KILL THE CORPORATE HEADS OF AMERICA, AND YOU DID NOT THOROUGHLY DISMANTLE THE CORPORATE INFRASTRUCTURE.
THAT'S WHERE I [redacted] HIDING.
HOWEVER, YOU ARE STILL [redacted] ADMIRABLY WELL.
TO THAT END, I HAVE SOME TELEVISION I WISH TO SHOW YOU.
SWITCHING TO SAT UP-LINK
LATVERIA?


My armor's ANALYSIS OPTICS PROVE, CONTRARY TO MY INSTINCT, THAT THESE PICTURES ARE NOT FAKED.
These alien helicopters ARE above my beautiful Latveria -- they ARE developing repulsive buds on their underbellies --
-- who is this Herod? What are his connections with the MEGACORPS?
What is that LIQUID jetting out of -- NO --
-- NECROTOXINS --
-- Americans necrotoxified MAKHELASTAN before the takeover and reduced the entire population to protein-rich SLUDGE --
-- THEY'RE KILLING MY COUNTRY -- My beloved LATVERIA, so far AWAY --


...and there is NOTHING I can DO.





"I saw the vast Halls and Palaces of men falling slowly, decaying, crumbling, destroyed by nothing but the rains and the touch of Time."
—James Elroy Flecker
"The Last Generation"

VOICES OF DOOM

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Off With His Head

All hail the new permanent art team of Pugh and Kobilshi! Kneel and give them tribute!

You in the back, I said "Kneel!" Kneeling is two knees. One knee is merely genuflection.

Dear 2099 Universe Creative talents,

Someone once said "change is inevitable" or something similar. Well, I think Mr. Ellis proved this in DOOM 2099 #29. This has to be one of the best pieces of literature I have ever read. In a way it was very subtle, leading up to the suicide of the president. Yes, only half the book was dialogued, but the story didn't need words. So, Doom is running America, huh? (I definitely don't think he'll be playing the sax and own a cat named "Socks!") This is a big change! As David Letterman said "he'll (Arnold Schwarzenegger) probably be the only one able to stay in Ted Kennedy's guest room." I think this statement might apply to Doom too, because Doom would blow the wall down!

Personally, I believe that Doom as president does make America a better place, because anyone can see that the US should be run by someone who doesn't think that they're a god just because they're the President of the bloody United States! It just doesn't work that way! Maybe Doom could get the Canadian credit to be worth more than the American credit? (Hey, it was worth a shot!) I'm just dying to see the repercussions from issue #29, especially in the Punisher title because I've always wanted a Judge Dredd type Marvel comic.

I'm sorry to hear that RAVAGE is being canceled after issue #33. I always though he had potential, up until he started gallivanting around with a very large talking bat! I do though hope he goes out in a blaze of glory. It'd be pitiful if he simply "faded away." I'm sorry to say this, guys, but I think that HULK really stinks! It kind of reminds me of the days when Bruce Banner went around saying "Hulk smash, Hulk smash!" It ranks up there with "Me Tarzan, You Jane." I mean, the latter might work out if you're on a blind date with Cindy Crawford, but c'mon, this is a comic book! Readers do have standards!

All in all, I do think the 2099 Universe has progressed nicely with the "illusion of change," but you were right, it was time for Doom to hack away with all his silverware! He deserves it!

1. Please do not make DOOM 2099 into a book primarily addressing Doom running America. (I can see it now, the whole storyline is Doom sitting behind his desk filling out paperwork and throwing up on a Japanese official!)

2. Please make a Captain America 2099. And don't say we already have one in Spider-Man 'cause I'm not buying it. (The excuse, not the comic.)

3. Wouldn't it be ironic if Thor himself was the cause of the Downfall of the Great Heroic Age? Thor has gone mad before.

Just to make this a classic Marvel fan letter, until I become a writer/artist at your company (which might actually come to pass), Make Mine Marvel! (There, I said it, can I go now?)

Darryl Eddy
Hamilton, Ontario

You're right, Darryl, this letter is really good with Oreos and the "Hmmm, Hmmm..." song! Anyway, thanks for your sprawling letter. As for your questions, 1. Not a chance of Doom being reduced to a paper pusher. 2. You saw the cover now, didn't you? 3. As we say in Polynesiantown, "it would be ironical." But don't count on it.

Dear Voices,

I like the idea of Doom taking over America (which is what I liked most about issue #29). It gives us a great perspective on what the world would be like if someone like Doom was in charge.

I also like this thing called a "clear chromium" cover. This blew me right out of my skin (which I did fall back into). It looks simply marvelous. 2099 A.D.#1 was a great overall view of the plans for Doom's takeover.

I read somewhere that there will be two new books added to the Marvel 2099 Universe! Could you tell me which they will be or at least confirm this story? Is Strange 2099 (I read on the last page of Spider-Man #32 or 33 that there will be a character called this) getting his own book? I would also like to see the following characters getting their own 2099 versions: Daredevil, FF, Iron Man, Wolverine, Captain America and the Avengers, Thunderstrike, X-Force, Archangel, or at least another 2099 team title.

Marcel Hogendoorn
Hoofdorp, Netherlands

Marcel, we're glad you liked the clear chromium covers! We thought they turned out pretty nifty as well. As for the possibility of new titles, there are always things in the works and your suggestions are among those considered. As for Cap, he's in this issue and Strange 2099 is not a no. Here's a hint.

Dear Sir,

It's about time that you got things right! Doom was never meant to be the goody two shoes he was portrayed as in the first 25 issues. Doom is supposed to be a ruthless dictator with an icy cold heart. It took awhile, but you finally got the characterization right. Bravo.

Any plans for Iron Man 2099 A.D., Wonder Man 2099, X-Force 2099 and Machine Man 2099? I know that Simon Williams is dead, but you could easily find another Hollywood actor to take his place. Once you resurrect the Wonder Man series, you could start a crossover with Wonder Woman. Now that would be a battle to remember.

How about a 2099 title that revolves around a woman? I'd prefer an original female hero. With the cancellation of RAVAGE 2099, you guys will need to release a few more original titles that don't have 20th century predecessors.

Back to DOOM 2099 A.D. It's nice to have a comic book series that revolves around an evil villain. You don't see much of those on the shelves, and it's a shame. Thank you for having the bravery to take the risk.

Steven Post Hitchcock
Dublin, OH

Doom's always been a nasty sort, Steven! He was just biding his time before he really let loose.

Next Issue

How can we possibly top this issue? The sad fact of the matter is, we can't. We're spent. We're bushed. We're tuckered out.

Yeah, right.

Doom in defeat, next month. If you never in your life buy another comic book...what fun are you?